

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Tuesday, 4 December 2018
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45p.m.

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Patrick Guthrie, Pamela Meister, Eric Stange, Dianne Schaefer, and Chair, JoAnn Robinson.
2. Review of minutes: Reviewed minutes from November 2018. Approved as amended.
3. Communications Received:
 - a. Letter from Christine Bongiorno regarding plans to rehabilitate the Robbins Cottage and plans to renovate the interior of the carriage house. She is requesting a letter of support for the application to CPA for the cottage.
 - b. Four letters from Planning Department about historic listing from owners who recently received notice that their properties were added to the Inventory. (Plan to schedule a meeting to explain the (New) Inventory in January or February).
 - c. Message regarding 47 Bailey Road from prospective owner and real estate agent regarding the Arlington Historical Commission's procedures for renovations and demolition.
 - d. Request for House Markers from Emily Deldon for 40 Russell Street and 9 Windermere Park.
4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
 - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie, Schaefer)- Nothing to report.
 - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- No lecture in December. January 27, 2019 at 2pm Inspired by Nature with Sara Lundberg and Society Volunteers.
Program held in Smith Museum at Jason Russell House
Enjoy a special exhibition of objects from the collection either inspired by or made from the natural world. Learn about the connections between fashion and conservation and how mass production often emulated the original natural materials.
 - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)- Nothing to report.
 - d. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)- Christine Bongiorno has proposal for funding to rehabilitate the WRH cottage.
 - e. Arlington Historic Resources Working Group (Schaefer, Robinson) – There is discussion to change the bylaw and create a residential study group.

Historical Commission FY 2019 Budget- Nothing to report.

5. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
 - a. 3-11 Lakeview Street 4/16 Schaefer/Robinson- Stop Work Order
 - b. 47 Mystic Lake Drive 9/16 Guthrie- Nothing to report.
 - c. 39 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
 - d. 43 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
 - e. 12 Schouler Court 11/17 1-year demolition delay.

- f. 418 Massachusetts Avenue 11/17- Stange- Nothing to report.
- g. 65 Hillside Avenue 1/18- Robinson- Nothing to report.
- h. 36 Draper Avenue 4/18- Schaefer- Foundation for the barn is in.
- i. 32 Kensington Road -5/18- Guthrie- Nothing to report.
- j. Old Schwamb Mill 6/18-Guthrie- Nothing to report.
- k. 81 Hillside Avenue- 9/18-Stange- Nothing to report.

It was determined at this meeting that the work is complete at 96 Jason Street.

6. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings)- A CPA grant is proposed for the cottage.
- b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson –No report.
- c. Education/Outreach: Robinson – Nothing to report.
- d. Historic House Markers: Three orders pending. Andy Rubenstein presented evidence for his sign marker request for 7 Tanager Street (Ernest A. Snow House c. 1899). Commissioner Guthrie will review research from Emily Deldon for 40 Russell Street and 9 Windermere Park to determine completion and names/dates to be inscribed on House Markers.
- e. Town Hall: Nothing to report.
- f. Web Site: Stange – No report.

7. Discussion and Hearings:

8:00pm Formal Hearing for 21 Teel Street with Ron Buck, owner and Akhtar Azimi, architect. The presentation included the following plans for renovation: Remove vinyl siding and install clapboards, install new window trim, add windows and new siding to the right side, to the back of the house add consistent roof line and this will be a new elevation, new foundation, creating detail pattern above the windows, deciding on windows with simulated divided light. Commissioner Guthrie made a motion to approve plans as presented. The monitor will work with owner and architect on details that are not yet specific and the final window selection. Commissioner Stange seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of the plans.

Monitor for the project is Commissioner Patrick Guthrie.

The hearing closed at 8:28pm.

8:30pm New Sign Hearing for 456A Massachusetts Avenue for the future Bubble Nation. The sign will have illuminated letters. No lights. A motion was made to accept the sign as proposed. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. Hearing closed at 8:40pm.

8:45pm Formal Hearing with for 20 Belton Street with owners, Ramesh Izedian and Gila Naderi. The hearing began with a review of the changes that were made to the property without the approval of the Arlington Historical Commission. These included replacement of all windows (originally 9 over 9 and now 1 over 1), removal of decorative trim, repair of shingles like for like, repaired railing, renovated front deck flooring, changed sidelights on front porch, replaced wood frames and casing and removed details. Discussion followed with a plan to return some areas of the house back to original design. This included looking at the

spacing of the ballasters, recreating center diamond pattern, reinstating the latticework to the deck, adding details back above the windows, and fixing the appearance of the windows. It was decided to continue this hearing on January 8, 2019 at 8:00pm. This hearing closed at 9:32pm.

Old Business: Plans in place to send a letter that states the significance of the architect and architecture of the Arlington High School and describe the setting as deliberate and intentional and that this has contributed to its historic significance. Richard Duffy will be consulted regarding the history.

New Business:

The Arlington Historical Commission adjourned at 9:56pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be January 8, 2019 at 7:45pm.

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.